

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings of claims presented in the application.

1. (Currently Amended): An interlabial pad for absorbing body fluid having an elongated elliptical shape, comprising:

a surface sheet disposed on a face of the interlabial pad so as to face a wearer's body;

a back sheet disposed on an opposite face of the interlabial pad so as to face a wearer's garment;

an absorbent body enveloped between the surface sheet and the back sheet;

a mini-sheet extending from one lateral side to another lateral side of the interlabial pad and also having a length in a longitudinal direction of the back sheet;

a cavity for finger insertion formed in between the back sheet and the mini-sheet; and

a cavity opening for guiding a fingertip inserted therein to the remainder of the cavity, having a fingerbreadth of a wearer,

wherein the mini-sheet is provided so that it covers a finger application point that is in contact with a wearer's vagina; and

wherein the mini-sheet is bonded ~~at a peripheral edge~~ to one end of the back sheet along an edge of the elliptical interlabial pad so as to form a pocket shaped finger insertion space.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Canceled).

4. (Currently Amended): The interlabial pad of claim [[1]] 5, wherein at least a part of the mini-sheet is stretchable or elastically extensible at least in respect to a lateral direction of the interlabial pad.

5. (Currently Amended): An interlabial pad for absorbing body fluid having an elongated shape, comprising:

a surface sheet disposed on a face of the interlabial pad so as to face a wearer's body;

a back sheet disposed on an opposite face of the interlabial pad so as to face a wearer's garment;

an absorbent body enveloped between the surface sheet and the back sheet;

a mini-sheet extending from one lateral side to another lateral side of the interlabial pad and also having a length in a longitudinal direction of the back sheet;

a cavity for finger insertion formed in between the back sheet and the mini-sheet; and

a cavity opening for guiding a fingertip inserted therein to the remainder of the cavity, having a fingerbreadth of a wearer,

wherein the mini-sheet is provided so that it covers a finger application point that is in contact with a wearer's vagina; and

wherein the mini-sheet is formed of a pair of flap portions extending from lateral sides of the interlabial pad, across the back sheet, the mini-sheet having an affixing portion at an end of each flap portion in order to affix the ~~the~~ ends of ~~the pair of~~ each flap portion to each other.

6. (Previously Presented): The interlabial pad of claim 1,
wherein the surface sheet and the back sheet are bonded to contain said absorbent body; and
wherein the mini-sheet and the interlabial pad are bonded at positions offset from and inside of the peripheral edge of the interlabial pad.
7. (Currently Amended): The interlabial pad of claim [[1]] 5, wherein the mini-sheet has a length dimension at least 10 % longer than that of the interlabial pad in the longitudinal direction of the interlabial pad.
8. (Canceled).
9. (Currently Amended): The interlabial pad of claim [[1]] 5, wherein a total circumferential length of the cavity opening is between 30 mm to 120 mm.
10. (Currently Amended): The interlabial pad of claim [[1]] 5, wherein the back sheet of the interlabial pad is provided with microscopic protrusions and depressions.
11. (Currently Amended): The interlabial pad of claim [[1]] 5, wherein an adhesive is applied to ~~a the interlabial pad is adhered so that~~ part of the surface sheet [[is]] of the interlabial pad to be in contact with a genital area of the wearer's body.

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18. (New) The interlabial pad, according to claim 5, wherein the affixing portion comprises a notch at each end of a flap portion, the notch dividing each end into two separate tips, the tips of each end of a flap portion are cross-connected with each other so as to form the mini-sheet.

19. (New) The interlabial pad, according to claim 5, wherein the affixing portion comprises an adhesive applied to one end of one flap portion, wherein the other end of the flap portion is overlapped on the adhesive so as to form the mini-sheet.